

DEPAUL BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LAW JOURNAL SIXTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM



Lawyers, Law Firms, & the Legal Profession: An Ethical View of the Business of Law

Thursday, May 1, 2008
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Westin Michigan Avenue
909 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois



Lawyers in a Fee Quandary: Must the Billable Hour Die?

In a recent ABA Journal article, author Scott Turow proclaimed that “the billable hour must die.” Our panel will debate the merits of Turow’s assertion, discussing the results of a new fee study of bankruptcy professionals’ compensation as well as the pros and cons of alternative billing arrangements.

Speakers: [Claude R. “Chip” Bowles, Jr.](#), Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky; [Joel F. Henning](#), Hildebrandt International, Chicago, Illinois; [William Hornsby](#), American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois; [Prof. Forrest Mosten](#), UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California.

Luncheon: The Roberts Court, the 2008 Election & the Future of the Judiciary

What lies ahead for the federal judiciary? Where Chief Justice Roberts will take the Supreme Court is still a matter of speculation, and future appointments hinge on one of the most contentious elections in modern American history. [Professor David Franklin](#) will discuss the brief decisional history of the Roberts Court and provide his insight on not only the current Court's impact on federal jurisprudence, but also how Roberts' stewardship may be affected by the outcome of the '08 election. *Luncheon sponsored by Development Specialists, Inc.*

Lawyers in Transition: Ghosts from the Old Firm Haunting the New Firm

Attorneys are more mobile than ever and recent years have seen an unprecedented level of law firm mergers and failures. Unlike other professionals, however, attorneys face unique issues when making transitions, especially in terms of conflicts and potential liability that result from the move. Explore these issues in this program and learn what to know – and what to avoid – when you or your firm is in transition.

Speakers: [Janet S. Baer](#), Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; [Robert S. Bernstein](#), Bernstein Law Firm, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; [Faye B. Feinstein](#), Quarles & Brady, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; [Thomas P. McGarry](#), Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

Lawyers in the Hot Seat: The State of Ethics & Professionalism

Attorneys and the legal profession do not fare well in the eyes of the general public, which sees the profession and the individuals that comprise it as lacking trustworthiness and prestige. Our panelists will discuss issues that affect this perception, including the latest decisions on individual attorneys’ misbehavior and attorneys’ collective behavior viewed in light of the standards of professionalism.

Speakers: [Hon. Jeffery P. Hopkins](#), United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio; [Ronald R. Peterson](#), Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; [Catherine E. Vance](#), Development Specialists, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; [Prof. Mark D. Yochum](#), Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Tickets are \$75.00 on or before April 1, 2008 and \$90.00 after that date. Price includes luncheon and written materials. Judges and students are free. CLE credit offered. Register online at www.ella.org through the Chicago/Spring meeting link. For more information, contact Don Carrillo at (312) 362-6178 or depaul.bclj@gmail.com.

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